

**To:** Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]  
**From:** Thomas Osborne  
**Sent:** Tue 2/28/2017 8:16:16 PM  
**Subject:** No budget cut for EPA; no weakening of regulations

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

As one who has tracked and written about environmental policy for years, I am deeply troubled by reports that the EPA's budget will be cut and the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule will be weakened, if not overturned. If this happens not only Americans of this generation but today's children and tomorrow's grandchildren will suffer health consequences and much more. The new administration seems to be governed by ideology and partisan politics rather than science. For scientific opinion, the National Academy of Science and academics should be consulted.. These authorities are not paid by Exxon Mobil and other oil corporations who have a horrible record of informing the public about the environmental dangers of carbon-based fuels. I urge you to fight for agency funding at existing or increased levels given the growing threat of climate change. And the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule, similarly, must not be weakened to protect us all.

Sincerely,

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy